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SUBJECT: UNHCR MESSAGE ON DEATH OF ORLANDO LETELIER

1. FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM UNHCR
SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN TO AMBASSADOR ON ABOVE SUBJECT:

QUOTE. 24 SEPTEMBER 1976,

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I LEARNED WITH PROFOUND DISTRESS OF THE INHUMANE
ACT OF VIOLENCE WHICH CAUSED THE DEATH IN WASHINGTON D.C.
OF MR. ORLANDO LETELIER, A DISTINGUISHED FORMER CHILEAN
MINISTER AND DIPLOMAT, AND OF A CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A.,
WHO WAS WORKING WITH HIM. I APPRECIATE THE GRAVE CONCERN
EXPRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THIS TRAGIC OCCURRENCE AND THE FACT THAT A THOROUGH
INVESTIGATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE COMPETENT
AUTHORITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY
DEEP INTEREST IN THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION, AS
MR. LETELIER WAS A REFUGEE UNDER MY MANDATE, WHO HAD
GENEROUSLY BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES,
AND AS THERE ARE OTHER SUCH CHILEANS IN THE U.S.A. WHO
MUST NOW FEEL MOST UNSETTLED BY THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE.
ON THIS SAD OCCASION, I SENT A CABLE OF CONDOLENCES
TO THE BEREAVED WIDOW.

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MAY I REQUEST YOU KINDLY TO CONVEY THE CONTENTS OF
THIS LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WITH WHICH MY REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK WAS IN CONTACT AS SOON AS THE
DISTRESSING NEWS BECAME KNOWN.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
YOURS SINCERELY,

SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN

UNQUOTE.

2. APPROPRIATE REPLY HAS BEEN SENT TO UNHCR. MISSION
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY RESULTS OF INVESTIGA-
TION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SADRUDDIN, IN COMPLIANCE HIS
REQUEST. CATTO

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